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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Turkic-Texan Friendship Reception and Awards
2 Dinner sponsored by the Turquoise Council of Americans and
3 Eurasians is taking place in Austin on January 25, 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, Based in Houston and active in Texas, Arkansas,
5 Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, and Oklahoma, the
6 Turquoise Council is an independent umbrella organization with the
7 positive goal of fostering interaction and good fellowship between
8 Americans of Eurasian descent and the wider community; and

9 WHEREAS, The council promotes its objectives through a
10 variety of outreach activities, such as town hall meetings,
11 strategic partnerships, executive forums, luncheons, trade mission
12 trips, and sister-city pacts; its member organizations include the
13 Raindrop Turkish House, an educational, charitable, and social
14 group that supports the annual Turkic Cultures and Children's
15 Festival and the Turkish Language and Culture Olympiad; the
16 Raindrop organization has a presence throughout Texas, with a
17 branch in Richardson that serves the Dallas area, and additional
18 locations in Houston, Austin, San Antonio, Bryan, Lubbock, and
19 El Paso; also affiliated with the council are the Texas Turkish
20 American Chamber of Commerce and the Institute of Interfaith
21 Dialog; and

22 WHEREAS, The Turkic-Texan Friendship and Awards Dinner is an
23 exciting cultural showcase that features live performances of both
24 Turkish and country music, as well as calligraphy and water

1 marbling demonstrations and a menu of authentic Turkish cuisine;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, This noteworthy occasion highlights the important
4 contributions made by Texans of Eurasian descent and provides an
5 opportunity to better appreciate the rich diversity of the Lone
6 Star State; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
8 Legislature hereby honor the Turquoise Council of Americans and
9 Eurasians on the occasion of the 2011 Turkic-Texan Friendship
10 Reception and Awards Dinner and extend best wishes to the
11 organizers and guests for an enjoyable and memorable event; and, be
12 it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for the Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians as an
15 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.